



# STOW-ON-THE-WOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL



HEART- HAND -MIND

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Dear Parents and Carers

We can all be pleased with the latest news on restrictions being lifted for schools and businesses across the country. We do need to be mindful that there are cases still active in our community, but you can be assured that we are keeping things very carefully monitored in school as we move gradually out of class bubbles and back to whole school assemblies and lunchtimes.

### POETRY SLAM WEEK

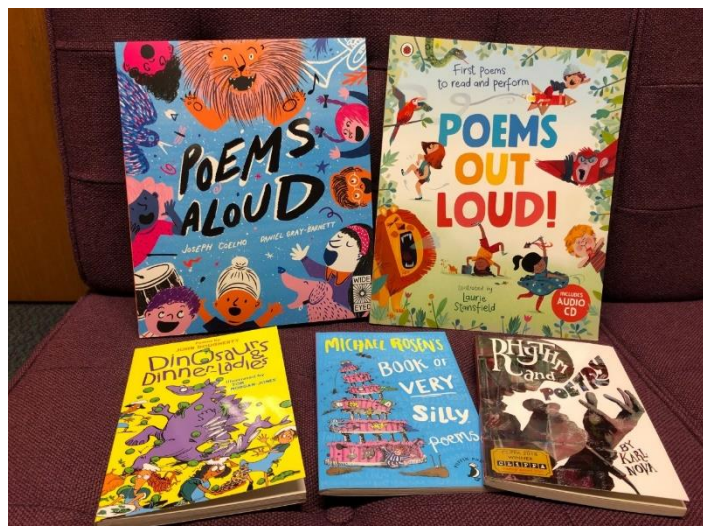
This week has been our annual Poetry Slam Week where we spend time looking at, reading, listening to and writing and performing our own PERFORMANCE POETRY.

The classes have been crafting their own poetry all week and this morning they had the opportunity to read their poems out loud in assembly. Class One did a super poem about The North Pole linked to their topic of Frozen, Class Two have been writing poetry about London and have used lots of their own lovely creative ideas. Class Three have each written their own poems based on The Iron Man and Gracie read hers out in assembly. Class Four made some fabulous poetry all about things that are thrown away and Emma read their ideas out whilst George Adams and George Powles did some fabulous actions. We finished our assembly with Class Five performing their class poems about each other, these were read out loud in a very entertaining way by Ilya and Noah who had clearly taken on board lots of tips about facial expressions, actions, timings, intonation and super funny and imaginative wording.

Mrs James chose some wonderful books as prizes for each class paid for by our wonderful PTFA, these are their choices:

**The winners for each Class were Ethan Edwards, Gracie Adams, Jack Gorton, Mia Longstaff and George Roberts-Kerry**

Well done to everyone and a big thank you to Mrs James for organising it all.



Here are Class one and Class Twos poems for you to enjoy

In the city,  
Big Ben chimes  
at half past nine.  
I can see people walking  
and tall, red buses  
zooming by.  
The flags are flapping  
as the people are clapping.  
Noisy cars beeping  
while grey pigeons are  
sleeping.  
It's fun in the city.

The London Eye  
turns around slowly  
as the long River  
Thames is flowing.  
City birds singing  
as church bells are ringing.  
I love the city.

### Poetry Slam :

#### I Am a Polar Bear

(Teach this as a spoken word rhyme, or choose your own tune.)

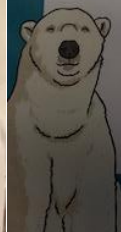
I am a polar bear,  
I live north of everywhere!  
I live at the top of the world.

The furry white coat  
I wear in the snow,  
Keeps me warm when it's twenty below!

I am a polar bear,  
I live north of everywhere!  
I live at the top of the world!

Fishing in the ice,  
And swimming in the sea,  
Makes living in the North Pole perfect for me!

I am a polar bear,  
I live in the north of everywhere!  
I live at the top of the world.





## Amazing Gymnasts

This week our amazing gymnastics team entered a competition at The Cotswold School Academy. This was a big brave first step for them all and they took part in a rang of moves such as arabesque, forward and backward rolls, balances and other amazing moves. They were also great ambassadors.

Well done to Bethany, Naomi Lee, Brooke, Elijah, Lydia and Annabelle for being such fabulous school members! They each received a certificate in assembly this afternoon.



Here they are in action. Do check out the class trello for more pictures of their wonderful efforts!



## Free Yoga at home Offer

Schools in Gloucestershire have been given the details of free yoga sessions for families until the end of next month - see below for details.

Yoga Bugs virtual gives online access to hundreds of yoga and well-being videos for the whole family to take part in from the comfort of their own home. Perfect if people are worried about going out due to rising cases of COVID but still want to get some exercise in. <https://yogabugs.com/parent-form/> to watch a short video to find out why it's a great option for families.

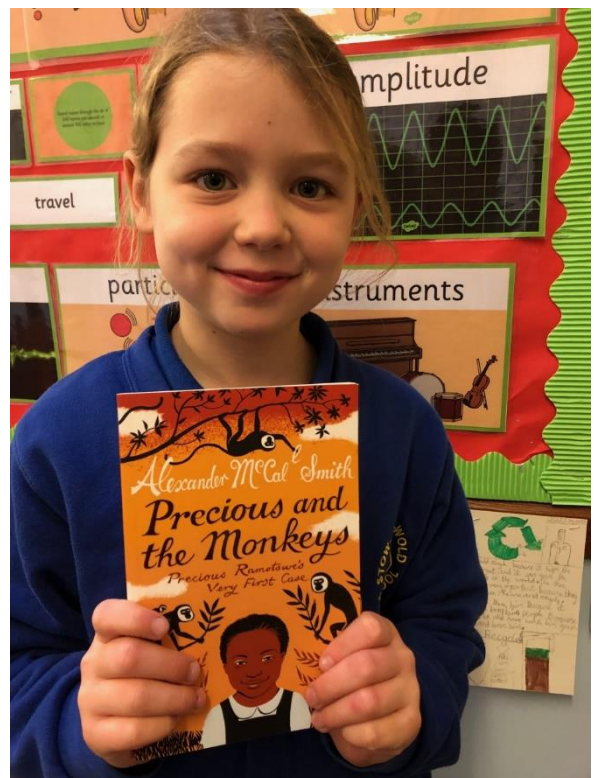
- It is FREE.
- It takes less than 60 seconds to sign up.
- Help families feel calm, increase children's confidence and help get families active over the cold winter months.
- Suitable for children with SEN.

Visit: <https://yogabugsvirtual.com/my-account/> Click on parents, enter the unique eCode Gloucestershire -1361 and follow the simple registration (it takes less than 60 seconds!)

## BIRTHDAY BOOKS

Thank you to Lily O'Kane for her lovely book for school called *Precious and the Monkeys*, it is a book about a famous lady detective agency!

Thank you to Eric Rothera for his wonderful book about the day the crayons went home - fantastic! What a lovely new addition that book is too. I know Class 3 were dying to read it today.



We always put a nice book plate inside saying who kindly donated the book and which class they donated it to. We have had some wonderful new books for class libraries in this way, thank you everyone.



## **BREAKFAST CLUB**

I thought you would like to see how creative everyone has been with the lego at breakfast club this week. This is a lego stable and yard.



## **SPECIAL VISITORS THIS WEEK**

This week we had two special visitors, firstly our new PC for Stow PC Ward came calling with our PCSO. They will be coming back to run some internet safety sessions in each class later this term.



Secondly we hosted a visit from The High Sherriff R J Tuffnell who was spending the day with PC Palfrey. She commented that the school was “splendid and all the children very engaged in their learning”



## **STARS OF THE WEEK**

Well done to our fabulous stars of the week and to everyone who earned a certificate in school this week.

**Class 1** - Charlee for settling in well back at school and for all her hard work at home this term.

**Class 2** - Asha Kennedy

**Class 3** - Brooke Beasley

**Class 4** - James Bevins

**Class 5** - Ria Tomlinson



**VALUES – these are our three school values and rules). This week, these children have embodied our school rules and values:**

**HAND** (these children have been safe)

None this week

**HEART** (these children have been supportive)

Freya King

Jasmine Williams for being super supportive

Eva Longstaff

**MIND** (these children have persevered in their learning)

Rowan Davidson

Oscar Lawrence

Noah Lynch

## **CURRICULUM CERTIFICATES**

**POETRY**- George Roberts-Kerry

**HANDWRITING** - Parker Molnar

**ENGLISH** - Poppy Gardner

**MATHS** - Jessica Morris

**READING** - Jude Williams for his amazing work on his Bearing Away book

**MATHS** - Harrison Jones

**ENGLISH** - Gracie Adams

**GEOGRAPHY** - Millie Robinson

**GEOGRAPHY**- George Powles

**SCIENCE** - Iris Povey

**SPAG** - Phoebe Harris

## **MATHS PASSPORTS**

None this week

## **BONUS MERITS**

Peter Perkins for fabulous work in topic looking at now and then in Gloucestershire

## **DINNER LADIES AWARDS**

From Mrs Barber to Maisie Davies for trying to cut her food up correctly.

## **Successes outside school**

Well done to Jasmine who has achieved her Stage 2 Swimming award - how fantastic - we are very proud of you.



## **HOUSE POINTS**

<b>RED</b>	<b>YELLOW</b>	<b>BLUE</b>	<b>GREEN</b>
<b>216</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>214</b>
<b>204</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>240</b>
<b>235</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>217</b>

**So the winners this week are: YELLOWS!!**

## **Attendance**

This week we have had reasonably good attendance overall with just 3 away  
We are continuing with our attendance pots in each classroom so remember you have to be in it to win it!!! Next draw will be in February on the last day of half term.

If you have any questions or concerns do please ring us on 01451 830784 or email at any time [head@stow-on-the-wold.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:head@stow-on-the-wold.gloucs.sch.uk)  
[admin@stow-on-the-wold.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stow-on-the-wold.gloucs.sch.uk)

Don't let little worries become big concerns! Please talk to us if we can help in any way or if you have any worries at all.  
Hope you have a lovely weekend and some good family time together.

## **Together We Can Succeed**

**Rebecca Scutt - Headteacher**

## **STOP PRESS WORLD BOOK DAY**

This year we will be focusing on one book - The Wizard of OZ and amongst lots of other activities, we will be allowing the children to dress up as the characters from this book - just to give you advanced warning of the date and theme: Thursday 3 March - you might like to get your thinking hats on about this theme.....